



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

DISSENTING OPINION IN ADVISORY OPINION 1985-3

of

COMMISSIONERS THOMAS E. HARRIS and DANNY L. McDONALD

Consistently with the position taken in our dissents in earlier opinions, we believe that the subsidiary of a foreign corporation may not make contributions in connection with any elections in this country. See dissenting opinions in Advisory Opinion 1983-31 and Advisory Opinion 1983-19, 1 Fed. Election Camp. Fin. Guide (CCH) paras. 5735, 5722. The opinion adopted by the majority will no doubt perplex the requestor, for it leaves unresolved whether the Commission does or does not view the foreign corporation involved as having "any decision-making role or control with respect to the making of any political contribution" by its subsidiary. It is our view that the parent-subsidary relationship itself establishes such control.